

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action dated March 8, 2005, has been reviewed. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 24, 27-29, 35-38, 40, 42-52 and 54-58 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-23, 25-26, 30-34, 39 and 53 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 41 was not entered.

Claims 35, 37-38, 40, 42-51 have been amended

Regarding the Objection under 35 USC § 132

Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the amendment filed on January 5, 2005 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. Applicant respectfully points out that the original disclosure does support "the roaming secure device having a means for optionally generating a random number." In particular, page 17 of the original specification states in line 8, "In some embodiments, the roaming secure device can also authenticate the co-processor secure device to write data to the roaming security device." As such, this indicates that the roaming security device must have a means for optionally generating a random number, because in order for the roaming secure device to authenticate the co-processors secure device it would have to be capable of generating a random number as discussed earlier in the originally filed specification. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Regarding the 35 USC § 112 Rejection

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. Applicant has pointed out that the "means for optionally generating a random number" is supported in the originally filed disclosure in at least one place. Regardless, Applicant has canceled claim 19 without prejudice thereby rendering this § 112 rejection moot.

Claims 35 and 38 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

With respect to claim 35, Applicant has amended this claim by removing the word "substantially" and making it clear that the whole system is "inoperable for printing" without being attached to said subsystem device.

With respect to claim 38, this claim has been amended by removing the words "at substantially the same time" and replacing them with the word "while" thereby particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming that the roaming security device authenticates the whole security circuit while the host security circuit authenticates the roaming secure device. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the § 112 rejection be withdrawn because both claims 35 and 38 are now definite and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding the Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 24 and 27-29 are allowable.

Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 39, 40, 53 and 55 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As such, Applicant has amended base claim 35 to include the allowable subject matter dependent claim 39. In particular, claim 35 has been amended to recite "said host system being a printer." As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 35 is ready for allowance.

Furthermore, claims 36-38, 40, and 42-50 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 35 and are therefore allowable based on the allowability of claim 35. Applicant has

amended the preambles of claims 37, 38, 40 and 42-52 to conform with the preamble of claim 35. Applicant respectfully submits that the dependent claims are ready for allowance.

The allowable subject matter of claim 53 has been incorporated into base claim 51 thereby rendering independent claim 51 allowable. In particular, independent claim 51 recites "a replaceable subsystem that operationally completes a host system, said host system being a printer device." As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 51 is ready for allowance and further submits that the claims dependent upon claim 51, being claims 52 and 54-58 are each also deemed allowable.

Regarding the § 102 and 103 Rejections

Based on the allowable matter, Applicant respectfully submits that the § 102 and § 103 rejections have been overcome.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue

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